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Mr. SPEAKER:—" It does not arise out of this question. The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Number of prisoners accommodated in the Central Jails.

* 150 *Q.*—Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state the capacity and the actual number of prisoners accommodated in the Central Jails during the year 1952 up to the end of May?

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" A statement [a] showing the capacity and the actual number of prisoners accommodated in the Central Jails during the year 1952 up to the end of May is placed on the table of the House."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister will consider the transfer of Communist prisoners from Salem Central Jail to the Central Jail, Visakhapatnam, where there is accommodation? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I have already stated that the question of transferring the prisoners is under consideration. The prisoners themselves wanted to be transferred to the Rajahmundry Central Jail and I do not know how the hon. Member's suggestion will be taken by the prisoners themselves."

Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—" Sir, if the Hon. Minister will be able to transfer them to the Rajahmundry Central Jail, I would have no objection. But, if there is no accommodation in the Rajahmundry Central Jail, will the Hon. Minister agree to transfer them to the Visakhapatnam Central Jail so that the prisoners may be in their regional areas nearer to their homes? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I said that the question is under consideration. It will be considered and finalized soon."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister, Sir, whether the prisoners from Malabar also will be transferred from the Salem Central Jail to the Cannanore Central Jail? "

The Hon. Sri K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Sir, the question of transfer of prisoners to their regional areas is under consideration of the Government and not of prisoners speaking Malayalam, Tamil or Telugu."

Sri T. NAGI REDDI:—" Will the Government consider keeping the prisoners in jails nearer to their homes so that their families may be able to see them whenever they want, instead of transferring them from the Circars to Salem or Tiruchirappalli or from Tiruchirappalli to Bellary? "

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 791 infra.

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THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"I have already said that we are considering the transfer of prisoners to their regional areas."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI:—"Show some consideration."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"We have to show consideration in respect of all prisoners under our control subject to the accommodation available in each of the jails. The question is being elaborately considered and the Government will be implementing their proposals as early as possible."

Cement concreting of the roads along the Highways in South Kanara.

*151 Q.—SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the total mileage of roads in South Kanara district along the highways and how many miles have been asphalted or macadamised and how many miles are covered by cement concrete?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"Two hundred and seventy-three miles, of which 11 miles have been asphalted and the balance is macadamized."

SRI T. ANANTHA PAI:—"Sir, I find from the answer that not even a mile has been provided with cement concrete. Why is South Kanara singled out for this distinction?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"There are certain tests prescribed for cement concreting. A traffic of about 2,000 tons has to pass over the road. In South Kanara no road satisfies the test. Therefore cement concreting has not been done."

SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS:—"May I know, Sir, whether it is economical to have cement concrete roads?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"In some places, it is economical."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU:—"The Hon. Minister was pleased to say that cement concreting of roads is costly. In view of the financial stringency, will he please reconsider and stop further cement concreting of our roads?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"Cement concreting is not done for every mile of road in this State. As I have already said, where there is heavy traffic, cement concreting is resorted to and it is more economical also."

SRI Y. MANJAYA SHETTY:—"In view of the fact that the roads in South Kanara are dusty and the incidence of tuberculosis is heavy, will the Government consider block-surfacing of roads?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"I may tell the hon. Member that not only 273 miles have been macadamized, but another 393 miles also have been water-bound macadamized